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WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) announced that he has nominated Old Economy Village for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service award. Each year, this prestigious and highly-competitive award honors five libraries and five museums that have made exceptional contributions to their communities. Medal recipients are expected to be announced this fall and will receive a \$10,000 award.

□ **“Old Economy Village is a western Pennsylvania treasure,” Congressman Altmire said. “People from across the country and around the world come to visit this site, providing a boost to our local economy in the process. Given the important role that Old Economy Village plays in our community, I am proud to nominate it for this national award.”**

Old Economy Village is an historic site in Ambridge, PA which preserves a settlement established by the Harmonist Society in 1824. One of the first historic villages in America to be opened to the public, Old Economy Village offers guided tours, special education programs, and more. After it was temporarily closed in November 2009 due to state budget cuts, citizens and local community leaders worked together to help the Friends of Old Economy reopen the site in April 2010.